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1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

a) There is no statement of continuing data on the first page of the specification. In addition, the specification pages are labeled at the top as being for WO 2005/057142 and PCT/NO2004/000379 but do not contain the U.S. application serial no. of the instant application. Appropriate correction is required.

b) The Abstract in the reply filed 3-17-08 is improper under 37 C.F.R. 1.72 because any new or replacement abstract must be submitted on a separate sheet (the Abstract page submitted contains text at the top from another specification amendment). In addition, the Abstract is greater than 150 words/15 lines and contains legal phraseology (i.e. reads like a claim "...in a pipe comprises:...."). Also, the Abstract refers to steps a and b however those steps which are steps a and b have not been identified as such. Appropriate correction is required.

c) The amendment to the specification in the reply filed 3-17-08 which states "Please replace the first paragraph after the title on page 1..." in line 3 of this replacement paragraph it states "...as defend in" which it appears should be "...as defined in". Appropriate correction is required.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hal D. Wachsman whose telephone number is 571-272-2225. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M..

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